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Chapter 851: Challenging the Training Hall Solo

Shanghai Pudong Airport...

A team of young, tanned men and women walked out from the international arrival hall. Among them, a tall man with a high nose bridge took his sunglasses off and checked his surroundings...

"I thought we were going to find ourselves among buildings made of bricks, stones, and wood. It turns out that China isn't too far behind from most countries, at least the airport isn't as bad as I thought..." Sayed grinned, revealing his dimples.

A bunch of girls who were studying abroad happened to pass by. They looked at the man who looked both handsome and naughty, like a prince on a black horse. They quickly whispered among themselves, but none of them had the courage to take another glance at him!

"He's so handsome, he looks like Louis Koo!"

"I think his eyes are very attractive, his pupils are blue, I've never seen a man's eyes like blue gems. Which country are they from?"

"No idea, but their language sounds strange..."

The girls continued walking. After walking a distance away, they secretly turned around and saw the handsome man staring at them, too. They immediately raised their chests and shook their hips while walking on their heels. They ignored the man's gaze like proud princesses and headed for the exit.

"The girls in this country are interestingly fake," Sayed had already heard the whispers of the girls. He was a Magician after all; his hearing was several times stronger than a normal person.

"Let's go, we have some important matters to attend to after acquiring the stamp," another woman with curly hair spoke up.

"It's because of the air-con."

"The air is humid outside, too."

"We are close to the beach... you should stay under the sand forever, since there's never a place that suits you," Sayed quickly caught up to the team of ten people.

"Is anyone aware of how strong China is?" asked Meos.

"We shouldn't waste too much time at the Training Hall. Go do your business, I can handle the Training Hall myself," Sayed smiled.

"You shouldn't underestimate them."

“How am I underestimating them? We would have sent Shreev instead if we were underestimating them,” Shreev looked at a man with a bucktooth nearby.

The man with a bucktooth glared at Sayed while pointing at his nose.

As the man was relatively short, he had to stand on his toes while pointing at someone else. He looked rather amusing.

“What do you mean by that? Why don’t we have a fight now!” snapped Shreev furiously.

“I will never be scared of you.”

“Enough, no infighting!” said the woman called Meos.

“Sayed, we’ll leave the Training Hall to you. We can only stay in Shanghai for a day. We must immediately depart for the Ancient Capital Xi’an tomorrow. It’s our real goal!” said Meos.

“We will depart on time, you have my word!” Sayed smiled confidently.

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China’s National Training Hall was located close to Huangpu River, between Oriental Pearl Park and the IFC building. Most foreigners immediately saw the modernization of China. Many foreigners still assumed that people in China were still wearing chi-pao and living in old houses due to the influence of long-outdated ancient TV dramas.

Sayed asked around for directions with weird-sounding English and managed to find the National Training Hall after half an hour. During this time, his stereotypical view of China had improved slightly.

However, having a modern city was not necessarily equal to a high standard for Magicians. As a Magician from one of the four ancient civilizations, Egypt, their magic was the purest and noblest!

Hang on, that didn’t sound right. China was also one of the four ancient civilizations...

Forget it, surely China wasn’t as old and pure as Egypt!

Sayed walked up to the spectacular entrance of a half-spherical structure and asked an armed guard, “Excuse me, is this the place of challenge for national teams participating in the World College Tournament?”

“It is, but the place isn’t open to visitors. Please leave,” said the guard calmly after taking a glance at the foreigner.

Visitors would occasionally end up at the National Training Hall, since it was located close to the Oriental Pearl Tower and some famous skyscrapers. Jun Ge had no choice but to repeat the same sentence every day. If he was allowed to bring a recorder, he would definitely use it to greet the visitors.

“I’m not here to visit, I’ve come here to challenge,” Sayed said in a serious voice with a confident expression.

“You? It’s just you?” Jun Ge was startled. He immediately asked for identification.

Sayed took out the badge that served as every national team's identification with the same confident smile on his face.

"Can I go in now?" asked Sayed.

"Well... why is it only you? Shouldn't the whole team from Egypt be here, too?" Jun Ge asked with a confused face.

"The team only sent me here. I'm the representative. The others have important matters to attend to," said Sayed honestly.

"I'll bring you in first, then." Jun Ge asked another guard to take his spot as he led Sayed into the National Training Hall.

The National Training Hall was around the size of three soccer fields. The place had different types of terrain, such as forests, sand, rock, and grass, where the duels would take place. The roof of the building was the hemisphere, floating right above the dueling grounds!

Sayed was impressed by the spectacular view, since his homeland was not willing to spend so much money on building such a fancy dueling hall. That being said, the appearance of the building did not really mean anything to him.

"There are quite a number of people here? Didn't you say that the Training Hall isn't open to visitors?" Sayed looked around and saw at least a hundred people in the building. Most of them looked fairly young.

Some were having duels, while others were spectating from the side. Others were surrounding people that looked like instructors while listening to them speak.

"There aren't many teams that have visited China yet. The candidates here have to undergo training, too. As such, they ask their institutes to send some talented students over to duel with them. There's actually a friendly match today, are you interested in it?" explained Jun Ge.

"It's fine, don't worry about it, I don't have time to waste on their show. Just hurry up with the challenge so I can regroup with my team. We really have something important to do," said Sayed in a serious voice.

His arrogant attitude simply did not take Jun Ge's feelings as a citizen of China into consideration.

-Damn, isn't this guy a bit too full of himself!-

Not only did he come alone to challenge them, he even described the duels between the top students as a show. Once their students beat the crap out of him, he would simply forget what country he was from!

Even though Jun Ge was displeased with how smug the guy was, he still brought the guest to the instructors politely.

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“A bunch of idiots, you’re all a bunch of idiots. At this rate, you can’t even win against developing countries from South-East Asia and Africa, let alone the strong countries like Russia, USA, and England! Did the whole team collapse just because Lu Yilin left? Do you seriously want other countries to think that the stamp that was supposed to be a challenge to them is actually just a simple attendance check!” a hoarse voice echoed in the National Training Hall, leaving awkward expressions on the faces of the students who had come to visit.

Meanwhile, the nine students of the National Training Hall looked utterly depressed. Their instructor Bai Dongwei had the worst temper, condemning them right in front of the students from other institutes.

Attendance check... it was true that many countries had successfully acquired the challenge stamp from them, but it was not like they were performing bad!

Besides, Lu Yilin’s departure from the team did place them in a little crisis. Due to their mistakes in the duels lately, they ended up not receiving as many resources as they had hoped. Meanwhile, every national team was improving rapidly, including their country’s national team. Everyone had already reached the Advanced Level. How could defenders like them, who were only Intermediate Magicians possibly win against the second wave of national teams?

“Instructor Bai, can you please ask the higher-ups to allocate the resources to us first? We are seriously going to be smashed by the national teams if we don’t improve,” said Dongfang Lie.

“Humph, do you think I’m not asking for more resources? Look at your results lately! How the heck did you even lose that bad against Thailand! I’m telling you, the team from Egypt is already here. If you lose again, I’m afraid you can’t even stay on the team any longer, let alone get more resources. I wouldn’t be this angry if you only lost because your cultivation is weaker, but you still lost when your opponent was also in the Intermediate Level!” scolded Bai Dongwei.

Dongfang Lie did not dare to speak again.

He was left with no choice, either. If he managed to win the preliminaries, things would be totally different for him. His Dongfang Clan would surely give him three Galaxy Veins to help him break through to the Advanced Level. Unfortunately, they only gave him one Galaxy Vein in the end, and he ended up failing the attempt. He was sent here to be a defender instead! When would his tough days come to an end?

“Excuse me...Instructor Bai, the team from Egypt is here,” Jun Ge walked up and awkwardly interrupted Bai Dongwei’s scolding.

“They are here? That quick? Where are they? You with the tanned face, please move aside, I don’t see them anywhere!” Bai Dongwei looked around for a while, yet he did not see the team from Egypt.

Jun Ge pointed at the tanned face Sayed and said softly, “He’s the one. They only sent a person here, apparently he said that one person is enough to challenge China’s National Training Hall.”

Jun Ge was speaking in Chinese. Bai Dongwei’s face immediately flushed with rage after hearing the words. He could feel the urge to scream at the top of his lungs.

“Is he seriously here on his own?” Bai Dongwei held his breath and confirmed it again.

“He’s the only one, he said that the team has other important business,” whispered Jun Ge.

“How dare they!” Bai Dongwei groaned. He almost lost control of himself and strangled the man to death!

What did they mean by a single person was enough to challenge China’s National Training Hall?

Every student he Bai Dongwei taught was incredibly brilliant. How dare the representatives from Egypt treated themselves as phoenixes visiting a chicken coop?

“Dongfang Lie!” Bai Dongwei was so furious that he almost stomped the ground. He completely forgot about treating their guests with courtesy and called for Dongfang Lie.

“I’m here,” Dongfang Lie was confused. He had no idea what his instructor wanted from him.

“Beat the crap out of him, if he can walk again in just a week, I swear I’ll let you rest in a sickbed for the entire month!” Bai Dongwei was almost screaming.

Dongfang Lie was stunned. *-How is that even reasonable? Besides, why is the instructor so mad? Did this handsome foreigner kidnap his wife?*

-That doesn’t make any sense. Bai Dongwei’s wife is as tough as he is. There’s no way the guy could kidnap her...-

Dongfang Lie walked up to the dueling ground in bewilderment.

“Are we starting now? That’s a bit surprising, but I do like straightforward people,” Sayed smiled. He kept showing his confident dimples.

“Egyptian scum, you shouldn’t be so full of yourself!” cursed Bai Dongwei, glaring at Sayed’s back.

He was extremely furious. Recently, the team had lost a duel that they were not supposed to lose after Lu Yilin left the team. To their surprise, someone actually thought they were just a bunch of sick cats. If he did not cripple the man and feed him to the dead pigs in Huangpu River, he would be unfaithful to the bright red flag with five stars!

“Come here all of you, someone is here to challenge us. Your duels are like a quarrel between women,” Bai Dongwei cleared his throat and summoned everyone who was training elsewhere.

The students from different institutes were having friendly duels with one another. They immediately gathered after hearing the call, even though they were utterly confused and clueless about what was happening.

Dongfang Lie and Sayed were already on the stage. They had chatted briefly with one another.

Dongfang Lie never had a great temper, either. He almost spat out fire when he heard the man was representing the Egypt team and had come alone to challenge them.

Do they seriously think the challenge stamp was as simple as an attendance check? If the man seriously thought he could acquire the stamp by himself, Dongfang Lie would not mind stamping the man’s face with his fists first. Where the heck did he get his confidence from?

“Hey, Dongfang Lie, what’s happening?” asked a student under the stage.

“This black face is from Egypt’s national team. He has come alone to challenge us,” replied Dongfang Lie.

“F**k me, does he really think he is Chen Zhen, to challenge us by himself!” cursed the person too. { **TL Note:** *Chen Zhen is the character in the movie Fist of Fury.* }

The student soon spread the words among the crowd. Without any surprise, the students immediately glared at the foreigner. They all had the urge to replace Dongfang Lie and beat the crap out of the Egyptian!

Anyone from their country would be mad. They would not say anything if it was a reputable country doing it, but who said the team from Egypt could disrespect them like that?

“Dongfang Lie, show him what you got!”

“That’s right, you can only teach a person like him to be humble with your fists!”

Dongfang Lie was serious when he heard the students encouraging him. Despite the circumstances, every duel in the National Training Hall would directly influence his future and the glory of his country. He could not afford to let down his guard.

“Wait!” Sayed called out all of a sudden.

“It’s too late to be scared now, humph!” spat Dongfang Lie.

“I’m not scared. Your number will only waste my time... I just want to know what the conditions are before I can get the stamp? Every place has its own rules for the challenge. Since I’m here on my own... mmm, I don’t mind taking all of you at once, but I will only allow it on a few conditions. However, if it’s a one-on-one duel, or you’re taking turns to fight me, you should tell me how many people I have to defeat in order to earn the stamp,” Sayed said in English.

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Chapter 853: Egypt’s Undead Element

Rules, of course there must be rules!

Sayed was not familiar with the character of these Chinese. What if they didn’t admit their defeat after he beat five of their representatives? Didn’t that mean he had to take on everyone else? Even though he wasn’t afraid of being tired out if that was his opponents’ tactic, he still found it annoying!

“You’re definitely the most annoying foreigner I have ever met,” said Bai Dongwei blatantly.

“Oh, thanks,” Sayed was not bothered at all by the remark. He actually returned the favor.

“You can set the rules,” said Bai Dongwei.

“Do your words count?” asked Sayed.

“Nonsense, I’m the instructor here. If you apologize for your arrogant behavior and bring the rest of your team here to challenge us, I will consider giving you the badge based on your sincerity. I, Bai Dongwei, am in charge here!” snapped Bai Dongwei furiously.

“No chance I’m apologizing. I didn’t do anything wrong. If I can set the rules, say, how about I hold the stage, and you can send three people to challenge me. They can fight me at the same time, or take turns to fight me. If I lose to any of them, it means I’ve failed the challenge. Otherwise, you will give me the stamp immediately. I’m really in a rush here,” claimed Sayed.

“How smug of you!” Bai Dongwei was so furious that he almost started cursing the man’s ancestors.

However, before he could speak, Mu Nujiao immediately stopped him, “Instructor Bai, don’t sweat it. If he’s so confident, it might imply that his abilities are useful when fighting multiple people or in prolonged fights. If those are the rules he asked for, we are willing to accept them.”

“How is that acceptable? If we win, he will accuse us of abusing our numbers. I’m not a fan of unfair duels. It doesn’t even feel good if we win. The challenges should be fair and just. If we can’t maintain our integrity, it will destroy our national team’s morale when they are competing with other countries!” replied Bai Dongwei.

“Instructor Bai, Mu Nujiao is right, we shouldn’t take the bait. He might be provoking us. If we simply let Dongfang Lie fight him, we might be giving the challenging stamp away too easily once again if Dongfang Lie loses the duel,” said another defender of the National Training Hall.

Bai Dongwei calmed down after hearing the student’s advice.

If the guy was indeed provoking them, he might have some weird capabilities to guarantee his victory over Dongfang Lie. Not only would they give the challenging stamp away, they would feel utterly sulky from the loss, too.

However, a group fight would greatly limit his advantages. A one-on-one duel was too unpredictable. For example, a Psychic Magician was basically unbeatable among Magicians at the same level. It was common for people to lose against a Psychic Magician without even casting a single spell.

“If you think it’s unacceptable, how about four... or five, you can have five people. It will waste too much of my time if it’s over five, and it won’t be a glorious win for you either, right?” Sayed grinned.

“Three, three is enough. If you can defeat them, I’ll hand over the stamp immediately!” said Bai Dongwei, while clenching his teeth.

Bai Dongwei agreed with Mu Nujiao as he calmed down. Their opponent must have something up his sleeves if he was acting so confidently. Dongfang Lie and the others were not weak, but their fighting style was too predictable, so they would easily be outsmarted in a duel. They were the ones that would suffer if they ended up giving the challenge stamps away too easily.

The challenges of the National Training Hall were not too strict. Every country was told to decide on the format themselves. The Halls could also suggest how the challenges would take place, as long as both sides reached an agreement.

“Fine, I hope you will keep your word,” Sayed grinned. His smile was rather charming, but none of the girls thought the man was handsome, since he was too full of himself!

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Dongfang Lie’s primary Element was Fire. He was easily ranked in the top five in the Pearl Institute.

During the preliminaries, Dongfang Lie had lost to Li Kaifeng. Li Kaifeng managed to overcome all the challenges and defeated every student at Pearl Institute. He was representing Pearl Institute on the national team.

Mo Fan and Li Kaifeng were unaware that they were actually schoolmates!

“You can start now. I believe everyone is aware of the rules of an official duel. I’m too lazy to explain them. Just get on with the fight!” Bai Dongwei stood at the spot of a judge and wasted no time.

His only desire was to see Dongfang Lie beat the crap out of Sayed until he dropped to his knees and licked the ground of their country!

After hearing the signal, the cautious Dongfang Lie did not make his move immediately.

Normally, he would immediately cast a spell to kickstart the fight. As a purely offensive Fire Magician, securing the edge during a one-on-one duel would secure half his victory. Dongfang Lie’s casting speed was not as quick as Dongfang Ming due to Ming’s outstanding talent, but the strength of his spells was a lot higher than Dongfang Ming’s!

“Idiot, what is he thinking? Just throw a Fiery Fist at the opponent before he reacts, why didn’t he abuse his advantages during such a crucial fight instead of being so tactical. Playing a mind game? Waiting for his opponent to strike first? How stupid!” Bai Dongwei immediately murmured.

It was important for a Magician to understand their strengths and weaknesses in a duel. It was unnecessary for someone like Dongfang Lie to use his brain...

Unfortunately, he had started using his brain because of how important the duel was.

What’s the point of using his brain if he had never used it before? He would simply give his opponent an edge!

As Bai Dongwei thought, Sayed finished channeling his spell while Dongfang Lie was waiting patiently.

It was a basic Star Orbit, but it unleashed a strong presence of death and evil, as if a tomb had just been torn open. The foul odor of a tomb immediately suffused the air!

“What is that...” Dongfang Lie was startled. He had never seen anything like it in his entire life.

It felt similar to Black Magic, yet both the Shadow Element and Curse Element were nothing like what he was seeing!

“Undead Element!” Bai Dongwei recognized Sayed’s magic with a single glance. He was completely in shock.

He had to admit that the Undead Element was incredibly rare, especially in China. Searching for Undead Magicians was harder than ascending the Heavens.

Without Undead Magicians, it was difficult to produce equipment like the Stardust Magic Tools, Nebula Tools, and the Galaxy Tools. Most of the tools in their country were obtained as imports. In some ways, it greatly hindered the rate of improvement of their country's standards.

Undead Magicians were extremely rare, but important. As for their capabilities, even Bai Dongwei had never seen one in a real fight before...

He remembered an old professor telling him that the Undead Element was similar to the Summoning Element in a fight, but it was more troublesome to deal with!

A cloud of muddy air was circling around Sayed, like countless ghosts dancing to the wind. A hole had opened up under it, like a pitch-black well with the lid removed, a tunnel leading to the filthy, dark underworld...

Eerie shrieks were coming out from the hole, bone-chilling cries of agony!

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Chapter 854: Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy

The presence of undead!

The cloud of murky air gradually expanded. The undead were able to move freely within its coverage.

In addition to that, the undead would grow stronger as the aura did. The undead were different than most summoned creatures. If the deathly presence was strong enough, certain kinds of undead, like skeletons, would be revived from the dead.

Sayed was summoning a mummy-type undead. Its head appeared first, wrapped in gray cloth, followed by its hands as it crawled out of the hole!

The mummy was around three meters tall, its entire body wrapped in gray cloth. Only its eyes, nose, and mouth were slightly exposed between the gaps.

Its eyes were completely hollow, the sockets pitch-black. Its eyes were missing, its mouth did not have lips. The sound of whimpering was coming between its exposed yellow teeth, the sound full of hatred.

The gray-Cloth mummy crawled out from the hole and stood in front of Sayed like a little giant. Its undead aura filled the entire dueling ground.

It was irascible in nature. It immediately charged at its target after Sayed gave it the order!

A strong pressure rose when the mummy began to run. A height of three meters was not too scary for demon creatures, yet for some reason, the pressure the mummy brought was comparable to that of a beast over ten meters tall. Dongfang Lie had no chance of dodging it!

The gray-Cloth mummy was not as sluggish as most mummies. Its sturdy legs sank into the ground and came to a full stop when it was around ten meters away from Dongfang Lie. Shards of concrete scattered across the place from the mummy's strong momentum.

The mummy threw a fierce punch. It seemed to have fully transferred the momentum of the charge into its arm. Its fist emitted a sharp blue flicker of light as it rapidly approached Dongfang Lie's face.

Dongfang Lie had not thought the mummy could throw a punch at him despite being ten meters away. He quickly summoned his Shield Equipment in a panic.

Dongfang Lie's Shield Equipment was a tower shield, big enough to fully cover his body.

The blue flicker slammed heavily onto the tower shield. It started trembling with a piercing screech as the violent force penetrated the layer of defense and headed for Dongfang Lie.

Dongfang Lie was able to react quickly, and immediately summoned his armor. A red armor wrapped around his body at the quickest speed.

The remaining force collided into the red armor, knocking Dongfang Lie six meters back!

The hot-tempered Bai Dongwei could not help but curse when he saw Dongfang Lie using two of his trump cards when the duel had only just begun.

The Undead Element was incredibly rare, but the undead were basically a bunch of demon creatures living in tombs and the underground. If Dongfang Lie had actually taken the initiative to attack first, he would not have been forced to use his defensive equipment so quickly!

"Don't lose your head!" Bai Dongwei knew scolding the student in the middle of a duel would not be any help to him, but he still had no choice but to say that to Dongfang Lie.

Dongfang Lie realized he was at a disadvantage. He immediately jumped back to create some distance between him and the Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy.

However, the Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy was extremely quick afoot. It immediately chased Dongfang Lie after the first punch. Dongfang Lie had no choice but to cast a Fiery Fist and release it earlier than he was supposed to...

The Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy skidded sideways and dodged the burning fist.

The path of a Fiery Fist was in the shape of a gradually expanding fan. If the target was too close, the coverage of the attack was only slightly larger than a normal punch. On top of that, it only traveled in a straight line. With the right timing, it was fairly easy to dodge!

The Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy was obviously very familiar with human magic. Dongfang Lie was stunned when he saw the undead dodge his attack agilely. He quickly cast a Basic Spell to prevent the Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy from moving any closer.

Even though Dongfang Lie's Fire Burst had also reached the fourth-tier, its damage was totally ineffective against the Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy. The undead simply forced its way through the explosion without trying to dodge it.

The undead quickly approached Dongfang Lie. It lifted its leg and kicked Dongfang Lie flying with a quick swipe.

Dongfang Lie's armor was made of metal. The sound of the impact clearly implied that the mummy's body was just as sturdy as Lie's armor!

Dongfang Lie rolled quite a distance away after he landed. Luckily, the quality of his armor was rather impressive. Otherwise, the kick would have easily broken his ribs!

"Damn it!" Dongfang Lie clenched his teeth when he felt the pain from his chest.

"You won't dodge it this time!" Dongfang Lie endured the pain and completed a Star Pattern. His right hand was engulfed in blazing flames!

"Fiery Fist: Nine Dragons!"

Fiery dragons sprang forward from the flames burning on Dongfang Lie's fist, leaving a trail of flames in their wake...

The nine fiery dragons pounced at the Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy. The blazing flames immediately devoured its body and set the area on fire.

"Bet it doesn't feel great?" Dongfang Lie grinned when he saw the Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy struggling in the fire.

He was surprised by the undead's strength and speed at the start. However, the undead was surely no match for him. Dongfang Lie immediately cast a few spells to kill the undead while it was trying to escape from the flames!

Sayed stood far away, making sure that he was not within the range of Dongfang Lie's spells.

His face was still displaying two dimples, meaning that he was still wearing a grin.

His blue eyes suddenly emitted a red flicker, as if he had just given an order. The Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy burning in the flames suddenly let out a roar and charged in Dongfang Lie's direction, as if it had gone mad.

Its body was still burning fiercely. It simply brought the flames with it as it was running at Dongfang Lie.

Dongfang Lie was unable to dodge it. He was sent flying at a shocking speed, as if a huge truck had just rammed into him. He slammed heavily into the barrier around the dueling ground.

The impact was shocking. Dongfang Lie's armor almost broke into pieces from the impact.

Dongfang Lie spat out mouthfuls of blood. His face was incredibly pale. He could not even stand up as most of his bones were broken...

"How weak!" The smile on Sayed's face widened.

Bai Dongwei inhaled deeply, withholding the urge to curse. He quickly called a Healer over to treat Dongfang Lie's wounds.

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Chapter 855: Bone Saber Mummy, Part One

“That undead isn’t huge in size, but its weight is rather shocking. Take a look at its feet; the ground has sunken even though it’s only standing there. Therefore, anyone would end up like Dongfang Lie if the undead rammed into them...” analyzed a female student with short hair and black-framed glasses.

“Dongfang Lie lost earlier than expected. This Egyptian might be one of the strongest on their team. The Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy alone is troublesome to deal with. Even the fourth-tier Fiery Fist didn’t do much against it.”

“It’s a tough loss, indeed. If he actually took the initiative, it wouldn’t have ended like this. He could at least have defeated that iron mummy.”

“Who’s going next?”

“I’ll go, my Plant Element can easily handle the undead,” said the female student with glasses.

“Mu Nujiao also has the Plant Element.”

“I’m better than her,” said the female student calmly. She stepped forward from the team and adjusted her heavy glasses.

Bai Dongwei was still lost in his anger. He was getting more annoyed when he saw the widening smile on the Egyptian’s face.

“Yue Tangxin, do you have the confidence to take him on?” said Bai Dongwei, looking at the girl with glasses.

Yue Tangxin nodded.

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Sayed’s eyes squinted when he saw his next challenge was a girl; he seemed rather intrigued.

“The big guy here won’t go easy on you. You better prepare your defensive equipment,” Sayed reminded Yue Tangxin like a gentleman.

However, it felt more like the man was provoking her. She remained silent and waited for Bai Dongwei to declare the start of the duel.

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It was the same Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy. As Yue Tangxin had speculated, even though the mummy was only three meters tall, its weight was rather shocking.

For example, if a three-meter-tall figure made of wood collided into an ordinary person, they would most likely suffer a few fractures. However, in the case of the iron mummy, most people would have died from the impact!

The iron mummy was incredibly heavy, which was also the reason it could unleash such shocking force with a punch ten meters away, and had taken out Dongfang Lie with a single collision, even though he was still wearing his armor.

Apart from its weight, the Gray-clothed Iron Mummy was nothing to be afraid of.

Yue Tangxin stared at the Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy, channeling her magic secretly. Even the brilliance of the Star Orbit was hidden under her feet, to prevent her opponent from seeing it.

The Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy was pretty straightforward with its attack. It charged at Yue Tangxin once again.

The Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy seemed to know that Yue Tangxin was preparing her trick under the ground. It decided to jump into the air. The creature could reach ten meters in the air every time it jumped, and each landing would send shards flying, clearly showing its shocking weight.

Yue Tangxin quickly backed away. She no longer had any time to finish her setup as the Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy kept chasing after her. As she raised her hands and waved, a faint green light sprinkled across the place like a drizzle.

The ground that had received the drizzle changed immediately, as magic vines as thick as an adult's arm drilled out and grew rapidly...

"Magic Vine: Grow!"

Yue Tangxin continued to channel the magic. The magic light served as a catalyst to the growth of the magic vines' saplings. More vines emerged from the ground. The vines gradually thickened as they grew longer. Some grew thorns upon them!

"Magic Vine: Attack!"

Yue Tangxin remained calm. She was not in a panic to attack when the iron mummy was getting closer to her. She purposely waited until the magic vines were in position before making her move.

The spells of the Plant Element needed some time to grow, and with sufficient time, the spells would be able to unleash their maximum potential.

As Yue Tangxin gave the order, the matured vines lunged at the Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy.

It was difficult to dodge all the vines. The Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy had no chance of escaping regardless of how agile it was.

"Drag it down!"

Yue Tangxin stood between the vines. She did not show the slightest fear towards the Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy. She pointed her finger up, commanding the magic vines to seal off its escape when the Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy was trying to break free from the vines.

The magic vines were like serpents. They quickly wrapped around the Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy's legs and dragged it to the ground fiercely.

As soon as the Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy landed on the ground, several magic vines burst out from the ground and wrapped around its body a few times.

The Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy tried to break free with brute force. It snapped a few vines in half as it was struggling, but new vines appeared faster than it could break them. The Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy soon found itself surrounded by vines, unable to move at all.

“Nice one!”

“Using softness to conquer strength; I would like to see how the iron mummy is going to break free from the vines!”

The students cheered when they saw Yue Tangxin securing the edge in the duel.

The iron mummy who was unstoppable against Dongfang Lie turned out to be a puppet waiting to be trampled on against Yue Tangxin.

“Forest of Kun!”

Yue Tangxin did not give the Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy any chance to break free. She immediately cast an Intermediate Spell and summoned a large thicket, surrounding the Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy like a sturdy cage!

The Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy was unable to escape in a short period of time. Bai Dongwei was relieved upon seeing this. Yue Tangxin was very calm and rational with her approach.

She did not cast the Intermediate Spell right at the start. The truth was, the Intermediate Spell, Forest of Kun needed some time for preparation too!

Yue Tangxin first used the Basic Spells to produce enough vines under the ground. The vines were used to temporarily restrain the enemy’s movement, buying her time to prepare her Intermediate Spell. Once the ground was fully occupied by the plants, the Forest of Kun would be more efficient.

The fighting style of a Plant Magician was different than most offensive Magicians. It was necessary to focus on the arrangement during a fight, to slowly lure the enemy into the trap according to the situation...

“We don’t have many Plant Magicians in our country...” Sayed seemed rather calm despite the circumstances. He did not seem too bothered when his Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy was entrapped. He slowly said, “However, the fact that you’ve easily dealt with my undead means you’re a lot smarter than the guy from before.”

“Show me what you’ve got!” said Yue Tangxin.

“I don’t really have much, the Undead Element is all I have. The question is, can you trap all of them... Come out!”

The hole from before appeared once again. When everyone thought the undead’s head would pop out first, they were shocked when they saw a huge, black bone saber coming out from the hole first!

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Chapter 856: Bone Saber Mummy, Part Two

The bone saber was black, yet emitting an icy glow. The glossy surface even reflected Sayed's evil grin!

The giant saber first appeared, followed by the undead's body. Unlike the muscular appearance of the Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy, the second undead was exceedingly fleshy, covered in layers of winding sheets...

White burial sheets was a symbolic feature of the mummies from Egypt. However, most mummies were dried corpses, and were expected to be skinny, yet this particular mummy was quite plump. Even its belly was popping out.

As a matter of fact, there were undead with fleshy bodies too, but the fat mummy was not clumsy as it seemed. Anyone would have trouble feeling at ease after seeing the black saber it was holding in his hand!

The mummy was around five meters tall. It was basically a chariot for the bone saber, which was around six meters long. Its size had a strong visual impact when compared to the average size of a human!

The mummy roared like an ox, but its cry was nothing like an animal. Everyone's ears were buzzing from the loud rumble.

"This is my Death Saber Mummy; I hope you will enjoy the fight!" Sayed burst out laughing.

The Death Saber Mummy had an astonishing aura. It immediately swung the black saber wildly before Yue Tangxin could analyze its type...

The creature had remarkable strength. It was able to swing the heavy saber in a full circle!

"Are you kidding... it was so far away," the students were dumbfounded.

The Death Saber Mummy was at least a hundred meters away from Yue Tangxin. Everyone thought she would be safe as long as she maintained the distance from the undead, not because there was no spell that could reach her, but because most Magicians were able to react in time at such a distance.

The black saber slashed fiercely. Everyone could see the Death Saber Mummy's flesh twitching.

The saber sprang forward. It did not just cut through the air, it even slashed the ground in half...

An obvious shockwave flew rapidly across the air, followed by the ground rupturing as if an earthquake was taking place. The force tore a huge ravine along the ground!

The ravine was a hundred meters long. It slashed the magic vines and the Forest of Kun along the way in half. Pieces of wood scattered in the air as a strong gust of wind followed the slash...

Violent, imperious!

The slash had completely destroyed Yue Tangxin's setup. The shockwave was still heading for Yue Tangxin, leaving a deep cut on her armor. It was inches away from cutting through her skin!

Yue Tangxin stood blankly. The vines were drifting wildly in the wind. She stared at the shocking ravine. The slash was clearly executed a hundred meters away, yet it felt like the bone saber was swung right in front of her. Her heart was pounding heavily!

Yue Tangxin was fully focused on the Death Saber Mummy. She totally forgot that the Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy had broken free after the vines were destroyed. The creature was fairly close to her too.

Yue Tangxin was stunned. She knew she had lost the duel when she saw the Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy approaching her.

"I concede... AH!"

Yue Tangxin raised her hand to signal to judge Bai Dongwei and Sayed that she forfeited the duel.

She did not want to get hurt, as it would stop her from participating in the training. She had only conceded when she knew she had no chance of dodging the Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy's attack.

However, Yue Tangxin did not expect the attack to come so quickly. She could not even finish her sentence when she felt a strong force colliding into her. The thin layer of armor she was wearing failed to make any difference. Her body was slightly out of shape!

The sound of bones fracturing was loud and clear enough that the whole crowd of more than a hundred people in the hall fell silent.

Yue Tangxin's body was heavily deformed as she was knocked into the air. The students watching the fight could clearly feel the pain she was suffering...

"Asshole, didn't you see her surrender!?" cursed Bai Dongwei immediately.

Sayed was about to apologize, but his expression darkened when he heard Bai Dongwei's curse. He said coldly, "First of all, she should have surrendered earlier! She didn't really finish her sentence there! Second, even though the undead is following my orders, it's not really me! They are violent in nature to begin with, so even if I tried to stop it, it wouldn't necessarily stop its attack in time!"

Bai Dongwei was so furious that he simply had the urge to teach the proud Egyptian a lesson himself. However, he was not in the mood to waste his time with the man after seeing Yue Tangxin's condition. He quickly went over to check on her.

"How is it? How is she doing?"

"How vicious; if the attack was slightly stronger, Yue Tangxin would be dead by now," said the Healer, clenching his teeth.

"Just make sure she survives."

"Help me out, hold her shoulders and legs in place, they are fully broken... Instructor, you should visit the Oriental Pearl Tower Magic Association and ask for a higher-level Healer. I...I can't guarantee that I can save her," said the Healer sternly.

“I’ll bring her over,” said Bai Dongwei.

“We can’t do that; we can’t let her bones fracture any further. The broken bones might puncture her arteries and organs. I’m afraid that her condition will worsen with even the slightest movement,” explained the Healer.

“What... seriously...” The watching students were stunned by the words.

How cruel was the Egyptian? Did he really have to go so far? It was only a duel, there was no need to inflict such serious damage to Yue Tangxin, regardless of how weak she was!

Everyone felt a chill running down their spine when they saw the Yue Tangxin’s distorted body.

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Bai Dongwei quickly went to make the call. Luckily, the place was fairly close to the Magic Association. An Advanced Healer was readily available most of the time.

Not long after, a male Advanced Magician in casual clothes arrived. He immediately saw the seriously injured Yue Tangxin and cast an Advanced Healing Spell on her. A white Star Constellation appeared around him...

“Lend me a hand,” the plain-clothed Magician told the student Healer.

“Sure.”

“We have to move the broken bones at once. They are already stuck in her veins,” said the plain-clothed Healer.

“I...I...” the student was terrified. Her condition was a lot worse than he had imagined!

“Stop talking, focus on directing her blood flow. I’ll move the broken bones. Remember to unclog her blood as soon as I remove the bones.”

“Got it!” confirmed the student Healer.

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Chapter 857: Defender, Mu Ningxue

Everyone knew how serious the injuries were when they had to treat the injured right at the scene.

Yue Tangxin had been jolted back to consciousness a few times by the incredible pain, but she quickly fainted every time. Even the boys could feel their hearts flinching as they watched her!

“You son of a bitch, how dare you hit her so heavily? Didn’t your teacher teach you not to overdo it in a duel!” a student snapped furiously, pointing at Sayed.

“None of you has the Undead Element. You couldn’t possibly understand how difficult it is to control the undead,” replied Sayed coldly.

“Aren’t you even going to apologize!?” Bai Dongwei rose to his feet with an utterly displeased expression.

“The challenger doesn’t need to bear any responsibility unless someone is killed or purposely placed under a curse in a duel. Injuries are inevitable in a fight! If she wasn’t prepared for this, she should quit the team and stay at school! Our teacher taught us to treat every fight seriously! Even if it’s only a duel, we should handle it as if we are going against a demon creature!” Sayed was not in a good mood after being accused by the crowd.

He never thought the girl from China’s National Training Hall would be so weak, not to mention she was only wearing some cheap armor.

If he had to apologize every time he hurt someone in a duel, the fights would be utterly meaningless. They would never understand how a real fight was, and yet they still had the guts to condemn him with their morals?

“You’re unbelievable!”

“I’m sorry, I didn’t come to enjoy some tea as a guest! You still have one candidate left. Just hurry up and send someone up. I promise that I’ll go easier on them. To be honest, I did not expect you to be this weak. I’ll be more careful in the next fight. Otherwise, you’re going to point and scream at me again. Such an unreasonable country!” Sayed had no intention of apologizing. His words were full of mockery.

Bai Dongwei’s face was twitching furiously. He glanced over at the students, trying to pick someone for the last fight. However, apart from Lu Yilin, who had already left to join the national team recently, the others would most likely end up the same way as Yue Tangxin.

“I’ll go, instructor!” Mu Nujiao slowly stepped forward.

She could not stand it any longer. There were more than a hundred students in the hall, yet they were greatly humiliated despite having the number advantage!

It was useless to be reasonable if they were weak!

“Even though you have the Plant Element too, you won’t stand a chance against him. You only have a few offensive moves, but his two undead are incredibly powerful. You can at most drag the fight on longer, but you have no chance of winning it.” Bai Dongwei was not stupid. He understood that Mu Nujiao did not want their National Training Hall to be humiliated further, yet her primary Element was Plant and her secondary Element was Wind. She basically had zero chance of winning!

“I’ll go then. Humph, even if I end up the same way as Yue Tangxin, I can’t let him act so full of himself in our place!” said Li Yijun firmly.

Bai Dongwei shook his head. Li Yijun was even weaker than Dongfang Lie. If Dongfang Lie had managed to secure an edge at the start of the fight, the Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy would not have been able to defeat him...

However, the Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy was far from the real threat. Their real problem was the Death Saber Mummy. Bai Dongwei could feel that the undead was extremely close to the strength of a Commander-level creature!

This Sayed might be full of himself, but there was no doubt that he was incredibly strong. Even the official members on the national team would have a hard time beating him. No wonder he had the confidence to challenge the National Training Hall on his own!

“But we can’t let him take the challenge stamp just like that. I won’t accept it!” said Li Yijun.

Not only were the defenders sullen, even the visiting students from the various institutes were clenching their teeth. They were in their own homeland, yet none of them had the guts to take on the challenge.

Bai Dongwei was almost never this infuriated, yet when he glanced around once again, he had no choice but to withhold his urges, since he was familiar with the capabilities of his students.

The outcome would still be the same. Being angry and wanting to protect their dignity was one thing, but sending someone up despite knowing there was no chance of winning was simply asking to be humiliated further!

“Forget it, we’ll give him the stamp,” Bai Dongwei made the decision after he almost broke his teeth from clenching them too hard.

“Instructor Bai, that’s not acceptable!”

“We’ve already lost too many stamps...” said Li Yijun.

“It is decided. Remember the lesson today. If any of you have the chance to join the national team and fight them in the World College Tournament, promise you’ll beat them into cripples. If you don’t, you will not come back and see me!” swore Bai Dongwei angrily.

The students lowered their heads. They had fought many challengers. Most of the challengers were courteous, and even when they lost the duels, everyone was peaceful about it. However, they had clearly felt the humiliation of being too weak. There were always people or countries who thought they were superior just because they were stronger, and this Sayed from Egypt was a typical example!

“Can I try?” a voice interrupted. It was clean and pleasant, without any hint of emotion.

Everyone was fully focused on Yue Tangxin and Bai Dongwei. None of them had noticed a stranger standing nearby for a while.

“You’re not a defender, what are you doing here...” began Bai Dongwei unpleasantly.

“You look familiar!” someone on the team blurted out.

“Mu Ningxue!” Mu Nujiao was the first to recognize the person. She was astonished.

“Mu Ningxue?”

“I think I heard the name before!”

“Damn! Mu Ningxue from the Imperial College? The strongest student of the Ice Element, Mu Ningxue?” some boys among the students from other institutes screamed from their seats.

Mu Ningxue was too easy to recognize. Long silver hair to the waist, and tender, snow-white skin... Most importantly, her beautiful face made everyone's heart beat faster. Her appearance immediately solidified the blurry image most male students had of her.

Pretty face; attractive figure; an unapproachable, sacred, icy temperament that urged every man to stay away, but was able to awaken the deepest desires within them!

"Are...are you Mu Ningxue?" Li Yijun was stunned too.

Li Yijun was from Imperial College, too. It was not his first time hearing her name. Rumors said she was an icy goddess, yet when he actually met her in person, he realized that the girl was even icier and prettier than the rumors!

"Oh, I remember now, a student who left the national team would be here today. You must be the one..." Bai Dongwei realized.

"Mmm," Mu Ningxue nodded before she said calmly, "If the challenge stamp is given out today, it means I've failed to defend the National Training Hall on my first day. I can't accept that. Besides, this person has gone too far!"

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Chapter 858: Mu Ningxue's Chapter

"If she used to be on the national team, her strength should be on par with Lu Yilin's!"

"It feels like even if Lu Yilin is still around, he wouldn't necessarily be able to defeat that Egyptian. Didn't you see how strong the mummy carrying a giant saber was? The force it unleashed by waving the saber from a hundred meters away was strong enough to penetrate Yue Tangxin's armor. Do you have any idea how strong it has to be?" the students began to talk among themselves.

Mu Ningxue was quite famous indeed, but everyone could not help but worry after they witnessed what had happened to Yue Tangxin.

"You want to fight him?" Bai Dongwei asked seriously.

"Mmm!" Mu Ningxue nodded.

Since she had become a defender, she could only return to the national team by performing outstandingly and stopping other countries from winning the challenge stamps. Therefore, she would not allow the Egypt team to earn the challenge stamp from the National Training Hall she was defending so easily, especially since it was her first day here!

Normally, Mu Ningxue would respond after considering her opponent's capabilities. However, her only thought now was to fight her way back to the national team. She was determined to participate in the finals at Venice at all costs. She would not let any country that set foot in China's National Training Hall go so easily!

“Are you sure? That guy is stronger than most members on the national team,” Bai Dongwei told Mu Ningxue truthfully.

“I wasn’t any weaker than the others even when I left the team,” said Mu Ningxue immodestly, aware that Bai Dongwei and the others were worried about her.

Now was not the time for Mu Ningxue to be modest and reserved, but the time to prove herself!

“Alright, but if there’s any danger, you must back off immediately. I don’t want to see anyone seriously injured like her again,” agreed Bai Dongwei. The instructor had a bad temper, but he actually cared for his students.

“Mu Nujiao, be careful, that Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy is very heavy, and its strength is shocking, too. The Death Saber Mummy is very close to the strength of a Commander-level creature too; it’s going to be a tough fight,” Mu Nujiao cautioned her.

“Mmm,” Mu Ningxue nodded.

She walked toward the stage, followed by a trail of frost. As she set her foot on the steps, they froze suddenly.

Sayed was observing Mu Ningxue. His proud gaze seemed to be intrigued by Mu Ningxue. The beautiful women from eastern countries had their own unique temperament, calm and elegant. They were rather conservative, unlike the women in Egypt, but at the same time, their appearance was very eye-catching.

“Are you seriously sending another girl to the fight? Are you telling me your National Training Hall is lacking men worthy enough to be my opponent? I will make it clear; my undead are extremely violent! If your flower is hurt, I shall not be condemned again!” Even though Sayed was admiring the woman’s beauty, he did not lower his proud stance.

He had seen lots of gorgeous women, and he would not easily surrender because of the silver-haired eastern beauty!

“Are you sure you can represent your team?” asked Mu Ningxue calmly.

“Do you take me as a smartass that came alone to challenge you without the team’s permission? Even if that’s the case, you should still be embarrassed about how weak your team is!” Sayed continued to look down on them. The moment he set foot in this country, he had assumed it was an underdeveloped, traditionalist and weak country. There was nothing worth mentioning about the country, apart from its size.

Humid air, heavy smog from air pollution, and pampered Magicians who could not accept their defeat. In Egypt, even if someone died in an official duel, the family of the deceased had no right to condemn the winner. Losers would just bury their heads and run away!

“Let’s begin,” Mu Ningxue reminded Bai Dongwei.

Bai Dongwei was still hesitant. He had only heard Mu Ningxue’s name before, but he was not too sure about her actual capabilities. As an instructor, he could sense that Mu Ningxue was only an Intermediate Magician. It was almost impossible for an Intermediate Magician to defeat Sayed’s undead!

“The duel... starts now!” Bai Dongwei finally declared the start of the fight.

Sayed was grinning. He was annoyed by the crowd’s nonsense. He could not wait to defeat the woman so he could regroup with his team.

He would not mind going easier on the woman as a way of appreciating her beauty and attractive physique. After all, he was still a true man who would react normally to a beautiful woman!

“Attack!” Sayed ordered. His pupils emitted a flicker of eerie light. The command was immediately transmitted to the minds of his undead.

His undead were actually dead puppets and extremely obedient to their master. The Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy dashed forward as soon as it received the order.

The Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy was surrounded by a cloud of turbid air. It started roiling as the undead lunged forward like the engine of a train blowing out black smoke.

Mu Ningxue’s lips murmured softly, like an icy goddess summoning the icy fairies nearby.

The Ice Element gathered around Mu Ningxue rapidly. The particles were very tiny. Even the combined size of a hundred particles was smaller than a single dust particle. They were like formless air, invisible, but they truly existed.

“Ice Domain!” Mu Ningxue’s eyes glittered. The temperature of the air dropped rapidly. Her feet slowly lifted off the ground as her Domain was established, and she started floating!

The air had turned into ice, filling the area within a hundred meters of Mu Ningxue. The frost filling the area was unnoticeable at the start, but the Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy’s speed significantly reduced in the process.

Every step it took would produce cracking sounds from the ground, covering the sound made by its stiffening joints.

“Wind Track!” Mu Ningxue controlled the wind. A strong gust of wind spiraled under her feet as the frost lingering in the air showed the wind’s motion...

The Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy dashed forward and threw a strong punch, blowing the slowly falling frost away like sharp knives.

Mu Ningxue glided back. She nimbly dodged aside with an easy kick when she sensed the strong force approaching her!

Her hair drifted wildly in the wind. However, the force was unable to damage her winding locks. It only left an aftertrail as it went by, implying that it had traveled past Mu Ningxue’s ear.

The Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy continued to chase after Mu Ningxue, yet it kept missing its punches. It only broke the frost in the air and ice covering the ground.

“Such quick reactions...” Bai Dongwei’s eyes glittered when he saw Mu Ningxue’s outstanding evasive ability.

Bai Dongwei could easily tell that Mu Ningxue was incredibly experienced in fights just by looking at her control of the Wind Element. She was already one of the strongest students among the defenders!

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Chapter 859: Frozen Iron Mummy!

“You can’t win if running is all you can do! It’s only a matter of time until my Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy catches you!” Sayed called out calmly.

He did not even send his Death Saber Mummy after Mu Ningxue. He was eager to see if the woman was just putting up a show, and as useless as the first guy with the Fire Element who also could not even take on his Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy.

Mu Ningxue had not stopped running since the duel started, controlling her Wind Path deftly. The Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy was a fairly agile creature, yet it had yet to touch even a thread of Mu Ningxue’s clothes.

Another punch was thrown. Half of the Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy was stuck to the ground, but both the punch and the force that it generated failed to harm Mu Ningxue. The girl stood just outside the range of the punch.

“You have underestimated my Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy. I only let it use seventy percent of its speed just to test your strength. It will soon teach you the definition of moving around without leaving a shadow behind!” Sayed chuckled.

“I’m afraid it won’t have the chance anymore,” Mu Ningxue replied coolly, remaining in place. The wind no longer appeared under her tall yellow boots as she let the Wind Track expire.

Sayed grinned disdainfully. His eyes emitted a strange red flicker as he ordered the Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy to attack at full speed!

“Ah Tai, attack!

“Ah Tai... hurry up and pull your fist out from the ground and smash the woman!

“Asshole, what are you doing!” Sayed kept giving his orders, yet the Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy was not reacting to the commands.

Did the woman have the Psychic Element?

That wasn’t right, the woman wasn’t an Advanced Magician. Besides, the mummy didn’t seem to be out of his control.

Did that mean his mummy could no longer move?!

Sayed quickly came to a conclusion. He observed the Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy closely.

Sayed was dumbfounded as he took a closer look. His Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy was covered in a thin layer of ice. Even its iron skin was turning transparent from the frost.

Through the transparent iron skin, Sayed discovered that the insides of the Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy were basically frozen solid.

-How did it happen so quickly?- Sayed was stunned. He could not understand how it all happened.

He did see Mu Ningxue cast Ice Spread, but based on his understanding, even the strongest Soul Seeds had no chance of immobilizing his Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy in such a short period of time!

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The Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy tried to move by sheer brute force. Its movement resembled that of an old wooden puppet.

Mu Ningxue was standing less than twenty meters away from it, murmuring something. The freezing energy continued to penetrate the undead's skin.

The Ice Element was particularly effective against zombies or skeletons, since the body structures of undead were different from living creatures with blood vessels, veins, and muscles. These undead had simple body structures and compositions. Even their attacks were usually quite predictable.

It was unnecessary for Mu Ningxue to freeze the mummy's whole body. She only needed to focus on some of the important joints to impair the thing's movement. It did not matter how sturdy or strong the undead was, it would turn into an abandoned mechanical puppet, unable to pose any further threat!

"Damn it, get moving, use your strength to break the ice!" Sayed demanded. He could not believe that his Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy had been dealt with so easily!

The Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy received the order, yet it could not move its body. It remained motionless in place.

"Freeze!" Mu Ningxue finished channeling. A stronger freezing energy lunged at the undead.

The thin layer of ice covering the Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy thickened. The gray iron mummy turned completely white, looking like a snowman now.

"Wind Disc!" Mu Ningxue was extremely quick at casting her spells. With a wave of her hand, the breeze turned wild and violent after traveling a certain distance away from Mu Ningxue.

A tornado soon appeared in front of Mu Ningxue. It filled the sky with snow as it slowly approached the frozen Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy!

"Damn it!" Sayed immediately cursed.

Normally, a little Wind Disc could not even ruffle the Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy's skin. Its defense was even stronger than that of the Death Saber Mummy.

However, the Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy was currently covered in ice, which would turn even the sturdiest object brittle. The Wind Disc would instantly shatter the Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy into pieces!

If the undead broke into pieces, it was basically impossible to fix the pieces back together. Sayed asked the Death Saber Mummy to attack in a panic. He had to stop the Wind Disc from destroying the Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy at all costs!

The Death Saber Mummy stepped forward heavily. Its flesh was swaying with every step it took.

It raised the black saber once again. The creature charged fiercely and stood in front of the Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy, slashing at the tornado!

The force of the black saber collided with the Wind Disc: Tornado. The howling tornado, at least ten meters tall, was shattered with brute force. It dissipated as several whorls scattered in all directions.

The students watching the duel gasped.

-It can even slash an Intermediate Wind Spell in half? How powerful is this Death Saber Mummy!-

Mu Ningxue was fairly close to the impact. She reacted quickly and glided fifty meters away from the Death Saber Mummy!

The black force exerted by the saber stopped around four meters away from her. If Mu Ningxue had naively thought the saber was only targeting the Wind Disc, she would have suffered serious injuries by now...

She lowered her head and saw a cut on her sleeve. Fresh blood was pouring out from the five-centimeter cut.

Mu Ningxue's face was icy calm. The cut would not affect her performance, yet it was a sign that her reactions were not quick enough. If she had been just a bit slower, her arm would have been separated from her body!

Mu Ningxue did not lose her will to fight. She stomped the ground heavily with her boot. "Ice Lock Formation!"

The frost covering the ground sprang into the air. It did not fall back to the ground, but floated around Mu Ningxue...

With a thought, the ice crystals, frost, and snow began to combine into countless chains. The chains connected with one another into a white ice chain around twenty meters long!

After the ice chain took shape, it floated around Mu Ningxue as if it had come to life...

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Chapter 860: Pacing in the Air

The Death Saber Mummy raised its giant saber. Its vicious eyes were fixed onto Mu Ningxue.

It took a step forward once again, before swinging the saber in a full arc!

“The same move again!” Bai Dongwei’s heart skipped a beat when he saw the Death Saber Mummy executing the same move.

The students watching the duel reacted the same way, too. It felt like the saber was dangling right above their heads, sending a chill down their spine.

Mu Ningxue felt like she was locked down by some force. She had no chance of dodging it at her own speed.

She calmed her thoughts and waved her finger around, controlling the ice chains around her.

The ice chains stacked on top of one another and bundled up tight. Mu Ningxue was well aware of the Death Saber Mummy’s strength. She was strengthening her defense the moment the mummy raised its saber!

The death saber swung down and fired off a crimson-red shockwave. It slashed through the air and tore the ground apart. The terrifying force produced a strong gust of wind, colliding with the line of defense that Mu Ningxue had set up with her ice chains.

Each of the ice chains was around twenty meters long. The wall was quite thick as the chains combined together, yet the slash still managed to break them to pieces!

White links scattered in the air. The ice chains were slashed apart. The defensive wall failed to endure the Death Saber Mummy’s attack. The black shockwave continued to travel toward Mu Ningxue.

Mu Ningxue’s eyes glittered. A blinding glow burst out of her body.

The light spiraled and accumulated at the spot around two meters in front of Mu Ningxue. When the brilliance completely disappeared, a white shield in the shape of a heart floated firmly there!

The heart shield stopped the black shockwave. Its energy disappeared just two meters away from Mu Ningxue...

The crowd let out a relieved sigh.

Either way, Mu Ningxue had survived the attack. Every time the Death Saber Mummy attacked, it brought an incredible pressure to the crowd.

“Nice...nice one!” exclaimed Li Yijun.

It was fairly difficult to endure the attack. Even those with defensive spells had to rely on their shield equipment and armor.

Mu Ningxue had used the ice chains to build a wall of ice. The thick wall had nullified the majority force of the attack. She then summoned her shield equipment to block the remaining force and guarantee her safety!

“Her ability to summon so many ice chains in such a short time... as expected of someone who was on the national team; incredible talent, and still able to remain calm during a fight!” Bai Dongwei nodded.

Being strong was one thing, but if a person did not have the right attitude at the start of a duel, it would still influence the outcome. Dongfang Lie was the perfect example; he could not even defeat the Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy, as he was too cautious.

“That’s nothing to be proud of!” Sayed soon regained his confidence with the dimples on his cheeks.

The Death Saber Mummy was not as agile as the Gray-Cloth Iron Mummy. The creature did not even move this time. It slowly raised the saber to its waist.

Its hands held the saber tightly, before moving it horizontally for a hundred and eighty degrees, the saber now facing its back.

The Death Saber Mummy let out a cry like a mad ox as it swung the saber forward horizontally. It produced an extremely sharp flicker of light!

The flicker continued to expand to a length of fifty meters. It looked like someone slashing across with a fifty-meter-long giant saber!

Everyone was stunned when they saw the length of the slash. The dueling ground was around two hundred meters across. It was a fairly spacious area, yet the slash had occupied a quarter of the available space. Even the students who were seated quite a distance away subconsciously tried to dodge the slash when they saw it.

The truth was, they were around two hundred meters away from the duel, with a barrier in between protecting them. The death saber could not possibly reach them, yet they had all reacted subconsciously from the overwhelming pressure of death!

It was utterly terrifying. None of them could possibly survive the slash if it landed on them.

The giant saber had such wide coverage. How is it possible to evade the attack?

Mu Ningxue was surprised by the mummy’s approach, too. However, she was an experienced combatant who had fought many Commander-level creatures before, and did not lose her ground.

Her legs were already circled by winds, but they were far from enough to dodge the attack.

Moving away was not an option, as she could not outrun the long saber. She could not dodge sideways either, as the slash was coming at her horizontally.

Mu Ningxue clenched her teeth. She completed a Star Pattern in the nick of time and altered the direction of the Wind Track. She used the wind to lighten herself.

She leapt into the air and reached a height of five meters...

However, she still had not escaped the threat. The death saber might be traveling horizontally, yet the force it was exerting was spreading further in all directions and would still reach her. Mu Ningxue gathered her focus when she saw the slash approaching.

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“Crap, she wasn’t quick enough, nor did she jump high enough!” Bai Dongwei was panicking.

Based on Bai Dongwei's experience, Mu Ningxue needed to jump at least twenty meters high into the air to completely dodge the attack. On top of that, she had to move faster than the speed of the slash, too.

However, both her height and speed were not enough to guarantee her safety. The terrifying slash would surely hit her in the air. He only hoped that Mu Ningxue was able to summon her armor in time, and hopefully the armor was strong enough to endure the attack!

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Mu Ningxue felt she was still in extreme danger, too. The wind circling under her feet grew stronger. Meanwhile, an ice chain was forming close to her. The ice chain was made of the ice particles lingering in the air, and she managed to produce the ice chain fairly quickly without needing to start from scratch.

The ice chain appeared under Mu Ningxue's feet, serving as a stepping stone for Mu Ningxue to jump higher.

She had not achieved the Advanced Level, so her physical strength was not as impressive. A vertical jump of around five meters was her limit...

Like walking on a tightrope, Mu Ningxue's boot kicked the ice chain in the air heavily while she controlled the wind to lift her up...

The force of the kick and the wind immediately launched Mu Ningxue higher into the sky. She quickly reached a height of over twenty meters!

A second later, the ice chain that she had used as a stepping stone was slashed in half with a clean cut, as if it was a stalk of grass.

The black slash swept across the place with strong gusts of wind blowing in all directions. Luckily, Mu Ningxue was high enough in the air. Otherwise, her fragile body would have been shredded to pieces by the force!

Everyone was dumbfounded when they saw Mu Ningxue dodging the ferocious attack by skipping in the air, disbelief all over their faces!